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Chaitan KHOSLA, et al.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 12 February 2004, time for response to which was set to expire 12 May 2004. Applicants greatly appreciate the courtesy and consideration extended their undersigned representative in an interview on 15 April 2004. This is especially the case as applicants are aware that there is considerable pressure to complete outstanding tasks when the end of the biweek is approached. The willingness of the Examiner to take time out of this schedule to discuss this case is gratefully acknowledged.

Of the pending claims, claims 61-75, claims 61-67 and 75 were withdrawn from consideration and claims 68-74 were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion, in light of the agreement at the interview regarding claim 68, are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.